

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION INFORMATION

June 2000

Announcements

Two Staff Members Depart the Programs Division. Shannon Legere, Juvenile Justice Specialist, and Mike Josti, Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor, have departed the Programs Division to pursue other careers. Shannon is relocating to New York to work in marketing at a law firm, and Mike has accepted appointment to the 75th Recruit Training Troop of the Massachusetts State Police with the hope of graduating as a Trooper. We wish Shannon and Mike the best of luck! The Programs Division recently welcomed Amy Dickert as a Juvenile Justice Program Coordinator and Lane Dilg as a summer intern for the Juvenile Justice Unit.

National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) The EOPS Programs Division recently submitted a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) for \$1.3 M in NCHIP funding for Massachusetts. NCHIP funds assist States in meeting evolving Federal and State requirements concerning criminal history and related records such as protective orders and sexual offender registry records. The Massachusetts Criminal Justice Records Improvement Task Force has identified participation in Interstate Identification Index (III) as a priority for the Commonwealth. EOPS Programs Division plans to devote NCHIP funding to programs directly or indirectly aimed at achieving III compliance, including: purchasing electronic fingerprinting and electronic mugshot transmission equipment, as well as creating a standardized RAP sheet.

Bullying Prevention Program - Application Deadline Extended The deadline for submitting Bullying Prevention Program Applications has been extended. All applications must be received by 5:00 PM, Friday, **June 23, 2000**. Please direct any questions relating to this grant program to Lynn Wright, Director of Juvenile Programs, at (671)-727-6300 x25219 or lynn.wright@eps.state.ma.us

Extension of Disproportionate Minority Confinement RFR Deadline The deadline for the Request for Response (RFR) to address Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) within the juvenile justice system has been extended to June 30, 2000. This DMC RFR will be a pilot diversion program for relevant agencies within Hamden County only. All applications must be received by 5:00 PM, **Friday, June 30, 2000**. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Wright, Director of Juvenile Programs, at (671)-727-6300 x25219 or lynn.wright@eps.state.ma.us

Juvenile Justice Quarterly Programmatic and Financial Reports In accordance with general subgrant conditions, all quarterly reports must be submitted, along with a Payment Voucher (PV) to the EOPS Programs Division by **July 15, 2000**. The Programmatic and Financial Quarterly Reports cover the period from April 1, 2000 through June 30, 2000. This notice applies to all Juvenile Justice Programs, including Alternative Lockup Programs, Title V - Delinquency Prevention, Challenge, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, and Cops & Kids.

NCJA National Forum 2000 On July 10 – 12, 2000, the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) will convene its annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. The NCJA National Forum 2000, "Community as Victim: Crisis Management for Public Safety" will examine incidents that profoundly affect communities through extensive physical damage and multiple victimization, including natural disasters, terrorist acts and other criminal attacks on community institutions, such as schools and faith communities. For more information, visit the NCJA web page at: <http://www.sso.org/ncja>.

"Enhancing the Accountability of Local Juvenile Justice Systems" The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is sponsoring a two-and-a-half-day regional training conference for JAIBG subgrantees on July 19-21, 2000 in Philadelphia, PA at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel (215-627-1200) at a conference rate of \$118.00, plus tax, per night. Participants will be provided information on both the technical and programmatic aspects of JAIBG, with specialized workshops on many of the 12 JAIBG program purpose areas. There will also be opportunities to discuss JAIBG issues with your respective JAIBG State Coordinator and Juvenile Justice Specialist and to meet with OJJDP State Relations and Assistance Division staff. This training is available for current JAIBG subgrantees only. Registration information is available from Developmental Services Group, OJJDP's JAIBG Training and Technical Assistance provider at <http://www.dsgonline.com>

Hitting Home: Religious Communities Respond to Teen Dating Violence A four-hour educational workshop that addresses issues involved in teen dating violence, using religious traditions as resources for teens, and building relationships with service providers in your community. The workshop is June 21, 2000, 8 a.m. - noon at Roxbury Community College. This workshop is free, however due to limited space, pre-registration is required. Contact: Safe Havens at 617-227-6992.

Enhancing Cultural and Linguistic Bridges: Reaching Survivors of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence in Immigrant and Refugee Communities Conference goals are to share tools, models and resources to enhance the capacity of agencies serving sexual assault and domestic violence survivors to provide culturally competent programming and service delivery to immigrants and refugees. The conference is June 27, 2000, 8:30 - 4:30, at the Curry Student Center, Northeastern University. Conference fee is \$15.00. For additional information contact Jane Doe Inc., 617-248-0922.

National Gun Violence Prevention Billboard Campaign A campaign to prevent gun violence began on June 6, 2000 in Boston, urging Congress to use successful Massachusetts programs as a national model. Since 1994, gun injuries in this state have been reduced by 53%, and gun homicides by 55%. Massachusetts now has the lowest violent crime rate of any industrialized state and the fourth lowest rate overall. <http://www.stophandgunviolence.org/shvflash.htm>

Funding

From the EOPS Programs Division. . . .

Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Project (EFIS) The EOPS Programs Division is currently accepting applications from eligible municipal police departments for the Electronic Fingerprinting Systems Project. The awarded equipment (live-scan units and card-scanning workstations) will be used to electronically send criminal and applicant ten-print fingerprint cards to the State Identification Section and to the FBI over the CJIS Wide Area Network (WAN). If you have any questions regarding the administration of this grant, please contact Kathy Krasco, at (617) 727-6300 ext. 25315 or at Kathy.Krasco@eps.state.ma.us. If you, or your computer vendor, have any questions regarding the *technological components* of the project, please contact Captain Michael J. Saltzman, Commanding Officer, at the Massachusetts State Police, Identification Section, at (508) 358-3170. Applications are available at the CCJ website: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, Friday, June 16, 2000

Bullying Prevention Program The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division is currently accepting applications from school superintendents for the Bullying Prevention Program. This program is designed to reduce and prevent schools' bully/victim problems among primary and secondary school children. The Commonwealth has allocated \$1 million of Byrne Program funds to support this program in 10 cities and towns. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Wright, Director of Juvenile Programs at (617) 727-6300 extension 25319 or at lynn.wright@eps.state.ma.us.

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, Friday, June 23, 2000

Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) for Local Units of Government Continuation applications for JAIBG will be sent out on **Friday, June 16, 2000**. The twenty-two (22) local communities that applied for and received JAIBG funds last year will be eligible to apply for a second year of funding. The EOPS Programs Division is accepting continuation applications only. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Lynn Wright, Director of Juvenile Programs, at (617)-727-6300 x25219 or lynn.wright@eps.state.ma.us

Application Deadline: 5:00 PM, Friday, July 21, 2000

From the Federal Government. . . .

Cops in Schools COPS Office http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/gpa/grant_prog/cis/default.htm

The COPS in Schools grant program is designed to help local law enforcement agencies fund the hiring of community policing officers to work in schools. COPS in Schools will award grants to provide for a designated portion of the salary and benefits of each new officer hired over the three year grant period.

Application Deadline: June 16, 2000.

Eligibility Requirements: All state, local, tribal and public law enforcement agencies, and jurisdictions serving special populations (e.g., transit, university, public housing, schools, and natural resources) are eligible to apply under this program.

Maximum Award Amount: The grant will pay up to a maximum of \$125,000 per officer, over the three-year period of the grant.

Grant Period: Three years

Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Violence Against Women Office (VAWO)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/grants/arrest/descrip.htm>

This initiative serves to implement mandatory or pro-arrest policies as an effective intervention that is part of a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

Application Deadline: June 21, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: State, local, and tribal governments

Awards for Planning and Implementing Strategies in Community Prosecution BJA <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/sl000406.pdf>

Applicants are invited to submit concept papers that pursue a community justice approach to criminal justice. Concept papers are solicited in the following three categories: planning, implementation, or enhancement. A jurisdiction may submit a concept paper in only one category.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: State, county, city, tribal public prosecutor offices.

Maximum Award Amount: \$75,000 - \$20,000 depending on project area.

Number of Awards Made: A total of over 25

Grant Period: Between 12 and 18 months based on project area.

Tribal Youth Program Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html#app>

The Tribal Youth Program supports tribal efforts for comprehensive delinquency prevention and control and for juvenile justice system improvement for Native American youth. The purpose of this initiative is to address the need to improve law enforcement and the administration of criminal and juvenile justice in Indian country.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Federally recognized tribes and those corporations representing Alaskan Native villages. Intertribal coalitions are also encouraged when appropriate.
Maximum Award Amount: \$75,000-\$500,000 depending on resident population.
Grant Period: 3 years

Coalitions for Prevention Grants The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) <http://www.samhsa.gov/GRANT/0100titles.htm>

Two types of funding are available to promote mental health and to prevent violence and substance abuse among youth.

- 1) Planning and Partnership Development Grants for States and tribes to develop new coalitions with community service organizations.
- 2) Partnership Resources and Infrastructure Support Monies (PRISM) for existing coalitions to develop resources and infrastructures to support program implementation and evaluation.

Application Deadline: July 12, 2000.

Eligibility Requirements: political subdivisions of States, such as county and city governments, and Indian tribes or tribal organizations.

Maximum Amount Award: Approximately \$6 million in grants are available. Planning and Partnership Development Grants range from \$150,000 to \$2000,000 in total costs per year, and PRISM grants range from \$300,000 to 350,000 in total costs per year.

Number of Awards: 13 awards for Planning and Partnership Development Grants and 12 awards for PRISM

Grant Period: Up to 2 years for Planning and Partnership Development Grants and up to 3 years for PRISM

COPS MORE 2000 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/pub/resources/index.htm>

The purpose of COPS MORE 2000 (Making Officer Redeployment Effective) is to help law enforcement agencies become more efficient by providing funding for new and additional civilian personnel which will allow current officers to spend more time engaged in community policing activities.

Application Deadline: July 14, 2000. Priority consideration given to applications received on or before June 30, 2000.

Eligibility Requirements: Local, state, tribal and other law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority (including university police, housing authorities, and school districts).

Maximum Award Amount: Agencies may request up to 75% of the cost of a civilian salary up to \$25,000 per full-time civilian position resulting in the redeployment of one sworn officer.

Grant Period: One year

Awards for Financial Crime-Free Communities Support (C-FIC) Anti-Money Laundering Grant Program – Department of Treasury (DOT) and Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/sl000419.pdf>

Through this competitive solicitation for applications, DOT and DOJ encourage state and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices to identify emerging or chronic money laundering issues within their jurisdictions and propose innovative strategies for addressing those issues.

Application Deadline: July 24, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants are limited to state and local law enforcement agencies or prosecutors' offices. State attorneys general offices, district attorneys, and law enforcement agencies may apply.

Maximum Award Amount: \$300,000

Number of Awards: 10

Grant Period: 18 months

Research and Statistics

"Person Offense Cases in Juvenile Court, 1988-1997" The 1997 person offense caseload in juvenile court was 97 percent greater than in 1988. Person offense cases accounted for 22 percent of all delinquency cases in 1997, compared with 17 percent in 1988. In 1997, juvenile courts handled 13.6 person offense cases for every 1,000 juveniles in the United States age 10 through the upper age of juvenile court jurisdiction. <http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/court.html#fs200006>

"And Justice for Some" According to the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), "Youth of color are overrepresented at each point in the system and that this disadvantage accumulates as they move through the system." When white youth and minority youth were charged with the same offenses, African-American youth with no prior admissions were six times more likely to be incarcerated in public facilities than white youth with the same background. Latino youth were three times more likely than white youth to be incarcerated. <http://www.buildingblocksfor youth.org>

"Punishment and Prejudice: Racial Disparities in the War on Drugs" A report by Human Rights Watch found that blacks - who make up just 13 percent of the U.S. population - comprise 62 percent of drug prisoners. While Whites and Hispanics who make up 82 percent of the population, represent just 36 percent of those imprisoned on drug charges. The rate of incarceration in state prisons for drug offenses is 13 times higher for black men than for white men - even though there are five times more white drug users than blacks. <http://www.hrw.org/press/2000/06/drugs0607.htm>

"Drugs and Crime Facts" The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that in 1996, 55% of convicted jail inmates reported they had used illegal drugs during the month before their offense, up from 44% in 1989. Also, use of marijuana in the month before the offense increased from 28% to 37%. In 1999, 57% of high school seniors believe people risk harming themselves with marijuana use, a decrease from 67% in 1984. During 1999, 51% and 23% of high school seniors reported alcohol and marijuana use respectively, in the past 30 days. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/dcf/contents.htm>

"Children as Victims" Although the U.S. violent crime rate has decreased since 1994, homicide remains a leading cause of death for young people. In 1997, an average of six juveniles were murdered every day. Between 1980 and 1997, three of four murdered juveniles age 12 or older were killed with a firearm. Juveniles are twice as likely as adults to be victims of serious violent crime and three times as likely to be victims of assault. Law enforcement data indicate that 1 in 18 victims of violent crime is under age 12, and in most cases, juvenile victims know the perpetrator, who is not the stereotypical "stranger," but a family member or acquaintance.
<http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/missing.html#180753>

"An Overview of Club Drugs" (DEA) "Club Drugs" is a general term for a number of illicit drugs, primarily synthetic, that are most commonly encountered at nightclubs and "raves." Since club drug users usually do not have a steady distribution network to depend upon, they unwittingly risk taking dangerous combinations of drugs. The number of nationwide hospital emergency room mentions [of club drugs], particularly those involving MDMA and GHB, have more than quadrupled from 1994 to 1998.
<http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/pubs/intel/20005intellbrief.pdf>

"Buying Back Safer Streets?" While supporters of gun-buyback programs contend they make communities safer, the director of the Violence Prevention Research Program at the University of California at Davis reports "buybacks remove generally no more than 1 or 2 percent of the guns estimated to be in the community." "The guns that are removed from the community do not resemble the guns used in crimes in that community. There has never been any effect on crime results seen."
<http://washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/nation/A29852-2000May18.html>

"Intimate Partner Violence" According to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) the number of female victims of intimate violence declined from 1993 to 1998. In 1998, women experienced an estimated 876,000 violent offenses at the hands of an intimate, down from 1.1 million in 1993. Of the 1,830 persons murdered by intimates in 1998, 72% (or 1,320) were women.
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ipv.pdf>

"1999 Annual Report on School Safety" While multiple homicide events have captured headlines in recent years, there still remains a less than one in a million chance of suffering a school-associated violent death. Preliminary data indicate that less than 1% of the more than 2,500 children nationwide who were murdered or committed suicide in the first half of the 1997-1998 school year were at school. For the complete school year, July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998, there were 58 school-associated violent deaths that resulted from 46 incidents. 46 of these violent deaths were homicides, 11 were suicides, and one teenager was killed by a law enforcement officer in the course of duty. <http://www.ed.gov/PDFDocs/InterimAR.pdf>

The National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse: Teens and Their Parents This report presents the survey findings of 2,000 teens (age 12-17) and 1,000 parents (536 mothers and 464 fathers) and how different types of families affect teen substance abuse risk. The most striking conclusion: too many fathers are AWOL in the battle to keep kids drug free and this increases their teens risk of substance abuse. http://www.casacolumbia.org/publications1456/publications_show.htm?doc_id=17635

The Uhlich Report Card In a national survey, teens gave their parents a D+ grade for preventing kids from drinking, a C+ for keeping schools and neighborhoods safe, a C for reducing gun violence, and a C- for their attempts to fight illicit drugs, smoking, and gang violence. Participants in the survey also gave mediocre marks for parents' honesty, ability to listen to children, and their work in running the government. In contrast, young people gave parents a B for creating jobs and a B for providing a good education for kids. The overall grade on the teens' report card for parents was a C+. <http://www.uhlich.org/ReportCard/default.htm>

Resources

Promising Practices Against Hate Crimes: Five State and Local Demonstration Projects Describes five programs developed by State and local agencies and considered to be the most promising programs in the U.S. for confronting and reducing hate crimes, including the **Massachusetts Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes**. A detailed listing of other organizations that address hate crimes is provided. <http://www.ncjrs.org/cpdocs.htm#181425>

The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign offers simple parenting techniques--such as establishing and enforcing clear rules, praising and rewarding desirable behavior, and staying involved in kids' daily lives--that can help deter youth drug use. <http://www.mediacampaign.org>

The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) offers information about illegal drugs that parents can share with their children. <http://www.health.org>

Anti-drug Parenting Tips Children who learn about the risks of drug use from their parents are 36% less likely to smoke marijuana, 50% less likely to use inhalants, 56% less likely to use cocaine and 65% less likely to use LSD, than children who learn nothing from them. <http://www.theantidrug.com>

Second Chances: Giving Kids a Chance To Make a Better Choice (OJJDP) profiles successful "graduates" of the juvenile justice system. The narratives highlight fundamental principles of the juvenile court that helped these youth prosper in adulthood: protection from stigmatization, rehabilitation, and individualized attention. The profiled individuals credit the second chance provided by the juvenile justice system with helping them to turn their lives around.
<http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/court.html#181680>

Mapping Crime: Principle and Practice About 13% of law enforcement agencies are using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to analyze their crime problems. This is a comprehensive guide for agencies that have little knowledge about GIS and want to learn more, or are in the early stages of using GIS. <http://www.ncjrs.org/html/nij/mapping/pdf.html>

Contact Information

Please visit the Programs Division web site at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/>

Department of Justice agency web sites:

NCJRS	http://www.ncjrs.org/
OJP	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/
BJA	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/
BJS	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/
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